

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: TOTAL ELEMENT LONG RUN :
INCREMENTAL COST-FINAL RATES : DOCKET NO. 2681
FOR VERIZON-RHODE ISLAND

ORDER

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2000, Bell Atlantic-Rhode Island, now Verizon New England, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island ("Verizon"), AT&T, Cox Rhode Island Telecom, L.L.C. ("Cox") and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") filed post-hearing briefs with the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, On July 7, 2000, Verizon, AT&T, and the Division filed reply briefs with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, On March 28, 2001, the Division filed a letter with the Commission setting forth its final position in this docket that the Commission should order the interim monthly recurring rates and one-time non-recurring installation charges adopted in Order No. 15976 and Order No. 15791 (collectively the "Interim Rates and Charges") to become permanent rates provided that the Interim Rates and Charges first be adjusted downward by 7.11 percent to reflect the economic efficiencies that have resulted from mergers and process re-engineering as outlined in the Division's post-hearing brief; and

WHEREAS, On April 11, 2001, the Commission considered the evidence at an open meeting and adopted the Division's final position regarding the Interim Rates and Charges because it was just and

reasonable and would facilitate the development of local exchange competition in Rhode Island.¹

Accordingly, it is

(16615) ORDERED:

Verizon shall file within thirty days of the issue date of this Order a compliance filing reflecting the Commission's decision to make permanent the Interim Rates and Charges with a reduction of 7.11 percent.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON APRIL 11, 2001. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED MAY 18, 2001.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

Brenda K. Gaynor, Commissioner

¹ The Commission also agreed with the Division's recommendation that Verizon be ordered to file updated recurring and non-recurring cost studies, the parameters of which will be specified by the Commission.